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Mental Health Court Grants Awarded

(Atlanta) The Judicial Council approved the disbursement of \$353,676 in Mental Health Court Grants on February 7, 2012. Mental health courts bring together mental health professionals, local social programs, and intensive judicial monitoring to reduce recidivism and symptoms among mentally ill offenders in criminal cases and increase the likelihood of successful rehabilitation through early, continuous, and intense judicially supervised treatment.

The Appalachian Judicial Circuit Mental Health Court, Bibb County Mental Health Court, Chatham County Juvenile Mental Health Court, DeKalb Magistrate Court, Diversion Treatment Court (Mental Health), Enotah Mental Health Court, Hall County Mental Health Court, Henry County Mental Health Court, and Piedmont Adult Mental Health Court were each awarded \$37,500.

The Appalachian Juvenile Drug Court, Augusta Adult Drug Court, Chatham County Family Dependency Treatment Court, Cherokee Adult Drug Court, Cobb County Family Dependency Treatment Court, Cobb County Juvenile Drug Court, Douglas County Family Dependency Treatment Court, Griffin Adult Drug Court, Muscogee Adult Drug Court, Pataula Judicial Circuit Adult Drug Court, Waycross Adult Drug Court, and Western Circuit Adult Drug Court were each awarded \$4,473.

Adult and juvenile mental health courts, and juvenile and adult drug courts that also provide mental health services to dually-diagnosed participants were eligible to submit an application. Grant applications were reviewed by the Judicial Council Accountability Courts Committee and forwarded to the full Judicial Council for consideration and vote.
